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For: **DUAL INPUT AC AND DC POWER SUPPLY HAVING A COMMON INPUT CONNECTOR**

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated April 23, 2004, reconsideration of the above referenced application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 10, 14-18, and 22-24 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,612,299 to Krall. Claims 12, 13 and 19 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yilmaz et al, U.S. Patent 5,715,156.

Application respectfully sets forth that independent Claim 1 is neither anticipated, nor rendered obvious by, the cited prior art. Independent Claim 1 sets forth a combination AC input and DC input voltage converter circuit, and further reciting that the first circuit and the second circuit receive the respective AC input voltage and DC input voltage, at a common single connector. Support for this limitation is found in Applicant's specification as common plug 17, shown in Figure 1A, and discussed in the specification on page 6 line 24 - page 7 line 15. Advantageously, different power cords adapted to receive input power from many different sources are all connectable to a single common connector of the AC/DC input power converter. In the field of portable consumer electronics, where universality and simplicity are demanded, this is a significant advantageous feature. Applicant's invention provides the

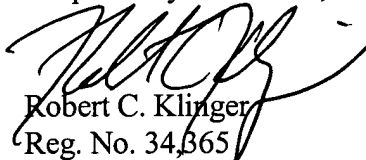
consumer the ability to connect to numerous different sources, such as automobile power sources, airplane sources, home or office wall plugs, and such power sources in countries having different plug configurations and power specifications.

As further disclosed in Applicant's specification and claimed in dependent Claim 14, a plurality of interchangeable output tips are also provided. This feature provides the consumer a truly universal device adapted to conveniently receive power from many power sources, and configured to power numerous consumer portable electronics having different input power requirements.

Applicant is hereby providing a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome the double patenting rejection.

If the Examiner has any other matters which remain, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned Attorney to resolve these matters by Examiner's amendment where possible.

Respectfully Submitted,


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